

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

By the foregoing proposed amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 12 have been amended, and claims 13 and 14 have been added. Claims 1-5, 7-14 would be pending.

In the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002, the Patent Office (PTO) rejected: 1) claims 1, 3-4, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey; 2) claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumsden'217 in view of Harvey; 3) claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumsden'217 in view of Harvey and Mantha'779; and 4) claims 2 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey in view of Mantha'779.

Rejection of claims 1, 3-4, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Harvey

Regarding claim 1, it has been amended to include "receiving at least one search term via e-mail". As pointed out by the Examiner, Harvey discloses that a user can search the web by entering search terms into a *search engine on the web* (pp. 110-114). Thus, as amended, claim 1 indicates that the search term is received *via e-mail*. Thus, search terms are not entered at the search engine on the web as disclosed by Harvey. Furthermore, it would not have been obvious to modify Harvey to read on the amended claim 1.

Regarding claim 3, it has been amended to include the *automatic* bundling of a copy of a web page into an e-mail message and the *automatic* forwarding of the e-mail message to the user's terminal. As mentioned earlier, Harvey discloses that a user can search the web by entering search terms into a *search engine on the web*. Harvey also discloses that a user can also include a web page in an e-mail message by *manually* accessing the desired web page and *manually* clicking the mail button (pp. 150-151). Thus, Harvey neither discloses nor makes obvious the claimed invention of *automatically* bundling a web page to an e-mail message and forwarding such message to the user's terminal.

Rejection of claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Lumsden'217 in view of Harvey

Regarding claim 5, it has been amended to include the server *automatically* copying a web page into at least one e-mail message and forwarding the e-mail message to the client. Lumsden'217 shows that the user must *manually* select an enhanced document link from the search result list (Fig. 3A, 100) in order for the server to prepare and return the document for display to the user (Fig. 3B, 110-114). As mentioned earlier, Harvey also discloses that a user can include a web page in an e-mail message by *manually* accessing the desired web page and *manually* clicking the mail button (pp. 150-151). Thus, Lumsden'217 and Harvey, separately or in combination, do not disclose the automatic steps as claimed.

Rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Lumsden'217 in view of Harvey and Mantha'779

Claim 8 has been amended into an independent claim. Mantha'779 cannot be used to modify Lumsden'217 and Harvey because, as admitted by the Examiner, Mantha'779 discloses copying a web page to the client local storage (e.g., client PC hard drive). Thus, there is no obvious reason to bundle the copied web page in an e-mail message for sending to the client.

Rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by Harvey in view of Mantha'779

Claim 12 has been amended into an independent claim. Mantha'779 cannot be used to modify Harvey because, as mentioned earlier, Mantha'779 discloses copying a web page to the client local storage (e.g., client PC hard drive). Thus, there is no anticipation or obvious reason to bundle the copied web page in an e-mail message for sending to the client.

New claims

New claims 13 and 14 have been added to cover additional aspects of the present invention, and it is respectfully submitted that they are allowable over the references of record.

Additional References U.S.P. Nos. 6,029,165 and 6,275,820

U.S.P. No. 6,029,165 merely shows a system and method for searching and retrieving information on different platforms and operating systems. U.S.P. No. 6,275,820 merely shows a system and method for integrating search results from various information sources by relative ranking and contextual summarization of search hits. Hence, these references, separately or in combination with other references of record, neither disclose nor make obvious the claimed invention.

Conclusion

For at least all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record, and the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the references of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited upon the filing of a continuation.

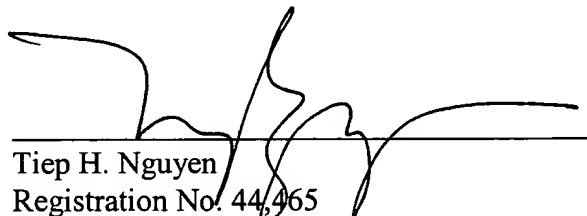
Scheduled Telephone Interview

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the brief telephone interview on Monday, November 4, 2002. In the interview, the Examiner has agreed to contact the undersigned for a more in-depth telephone interview regarding the aforementioned amendment and remarks *prior to the issuance of any new Office Action*. The undersigned looks forward to hearing from the Examiner.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 12 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of attaching at least one Web page to an e-mail message comprising:

receiving at least one search term via e-mail;
issuing a search request to a search engine using the at least one search term;
receiving the hit list from the search engine;
retrieving at least one Web page based on the hit list;
bundling a copy of the at least one Web page into an e-mail message; and
forwarding the e-mail message to an end-user's terminal wherein the copy of the at least one Web page may be reviewed by the end-user.

3. (Amended) A method of attaching a copy of at least one Web page to a first e-mail message comprising:

receiving an address associated with the at least one Web page;
retrieving the at least one Web page;
automatically bundling a copy of the at least one Web page into the first e-mail message;
and
automatically forwarding the first e-mail message to a user's terminal wherein the copy of the at least one Web page may be retrieved and reviewed by the user at the user's terminal.

5. (Amended) A computer readable medium for controlling a system, including a client terminal and a server, so the system's operations comprise:

receiving at least one search term at the client terminal;
bundling the at least one search term into a first message at the client terminal;
forwarding the first message from the client terminal to the server;
issuing the at least one search term as a search request from the server to a search engine;

receiving links to a plurality of Web pages that are associated with the at least one search term at the server;

issuing a request for at least one of the plurality of Web pages;

receiving the at least one Web page by the server;

the server automatically copying the at least one Web page into at least one e-mail message by the server; and

the server automatically forwarding the at least one e-mail message from the server to the client.

8. (Amended) A computer readable medium for controlling a system, including a client terminal and a server, so the system's operations comprise:

receiving at least one search term at the client terminal;

bundling the at least one search term into a first message at the client terminal;

forwarding the first message from the client terminal to the server;

issuing the at least one search term as a search request from the server to a search engine;

receiving links to a plurality of Web pages that are associated with the at least one search term at the server;

issuing a request for at least one of the plurality of Web pages, wherein the at least one Web page comprises a sub-plurality of the plurality of Web pages wherein the at least one Web page comprises a sub-plurality of the plurality of Web pages;

receiving the at least one Web page by the server;

copying the at least one Web page into at least one e-mail message by the server; and

forwarding the at least one e-mail message from the server to the client;

[The computer readable medium of claim 7,] wherein the at least one e-mail message comprises a plurality of e-mail messages, and at least one of the sub-plurality of Web pages is copied into one of the plurality of e-mail messages.

12. (Amended) A method of attaching at least one Web page to an e-mail message comprising:

receiving at least one search term;
issuing a search request to a search engine using the at least one search term;
receiving the hit list from the search engine;
retrieving at least one Web page based on the hit list;
bundling a copy of the at least one Web page into an e-mail message; and
forwarding the e-mail message to an end-user's terminal wherein the copy of the at least one Web page may be reviewed by the end-user;

[The method of claim 1,] wherein the bundled at least one Web page includes a link to another retrieved Web page, wherein a copy of the another retrieved Web page is also bundled into the e-mail message.

The following claims 13 and 14 have been added:

13. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the server is an e-mail server.

14. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 5, wherein the client terminal is off-line with the Internet, and the server is connected to the Internet.